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**Encapsulation Protocol for Linking Storage Area Networks Over a Packet-Based Network**

(Title of Invention)

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

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